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Application of

Stefan Van Dyck

Serial No. 09/918,313

Filed: July 30, 2001

For: Solid Phase Synthesis of Salts of  
Organic Acids

Group Art Unit 1625

Examiner: T. Victor Oh

### AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Fee Amendment  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent, and in response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2001, kindly enter and consider the following remarks relative to consideration of the present application.

### REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5-10, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Moore. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims 1-13 of the application all define a process in which an inert material is added to a reaction vessel, the addition of liquid organic acid and the addition of a base. Moore does not teach starting with an inert material. Moore clearly does not anticipate the claims.

Moore also does not anticipate the present invention as defined in the claims in that Moore does not teach the creation of an organic acid salt product that dries without the use of additional sources of heat. The only examples of Moore in which the exothermic